

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An electronic camera, comprising:

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~~an imaging device which captures an image of an object in a cycle by exposure for a period corresponding to the cycle, and outputs image signals updated in the cycle~~ a sequence of images of an object and outputs image signals for said sequence of images at a rate defined by an imaging cycle of said imaging device, said imaging cycle defining a maximum exposure period for said imaging device;

a changing device which changes the cycle of the imaging device, thereby changing the maximum exposure period for said imaging device;

a display; and

a controller which makes~~controls~~ the display to display said sequence of images~~the image~~ according to the image signals while the imaging device is capturing subsequent images~~the image~~, such that said display~~whereby~~ shows a live image on the display to enable determination of an image-capturing angle of view.

2. (Original) The electronic camera as defined in claim 1, wherein the changing device is manually operated to change the cycle of the imaging device.

3. (Original) The electronic camera as defined in claim 1, wherein the changing device automatically changes the cycle of the imaging device.

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4.-15. (Cancelled).

16. (New) The electronic camera as defined in claim 1, further comprising:

a signal processor for processing and temporarily storing image signals output by said imaging device before output to said display.

17. (New) The electronic camera as defined in claim 16, further comprising a memory card for storing select images output by said imaging device.

18. (New) The electronic camera as defined in claim 1, wherein said rate is a video rate, and said changing device changes said video rate to enable said imaging device to output brighter images.

19. (New) The electronic camera as defined in claim 1, wherein said imaging device includes a CCD.